Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 13-15 without prejudice, amend claims 1, 3, 11 and 12 as provided below. Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the present application.

1. (Currently Amended) A fastener installation tool for installing a threaded nut with a non-circular external surface onto a threaded fastener of the type having a non-circular recess in an end of the fastener that matingly engages with a key ~~male member~~ that has a complementary shaped non-circular tip end to the non-circular recess, the fastener installation tool comprising:

a head;

a rotatably operable gear disposed within the head, the gear having a non-circular bore;

a socket, the socket having a non-circular seat configured to matingly engage the ~~non-circular nut that has a complementary shaped~~ non-circular external surface of the nut; ~~shape to the non-circular seat;~~

the socket having a shaft with a non-circular external surface and a ~~tubular~~ bore internal surface, the shaft matingly engaged within ~~the bore of~~ the non-circular bore of the gear; ~~having a complementary shaped non-circular shape to the non-circular external surface of the shaft;~~

a ~~key,~~ the key having a shank with a non-circular external surface, ~~and a tip end with a non-circular external surface,~~ the shank of the key being disposed within the ~~tubular~~ bore of the shaft;

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the tip end being configured to matingly engage with ~~a complementary shaped~~ the non-circular recess in the fastener; ~~of the type having the non-circular recess in the end of the fastener;~~

a key holder having a non-circular aperture that matingly engages the ~~shank of the key having a complementary shaped~~ non-circular external surface of the shank, ~~shape to the non-circular aperture,~~ the key holder being attached to an ~~the~~ exterior surface of the head; and

a spring having one end of the spring attached to the key and another end of the spring attached to the head.

2. (Original) The fastener installation tool of claim 1 further comprising a tool component attached to the head.

3. (Currently Amended) The fastener installation tool of claim 1 wherein the external ~~exterior~~ surface of the shaft has an annular groove disposed around a ~~the~~ circumference of the shaft.

4. (Original) The fastener installation tool of claim 3 further comprising a ring seated within the annular groove which locks the socket to the gear.

5. (Original) The fastener installation tool of claim 1 wherein the key has a bore located adjacent to an end of the key opposite to the tip end.

6. (Original) The fastener installation tool of claim 5 wherein the one end of the spring is disposed within the bore and the other end of the spring is attached to the head with a fastener.

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7. (Original) The fastener installation tool of claim 1 wherein the key has a slotted groove disposed in an end of the key opposite to the tip end.

8. (Original) The fastener installation tool of claim 7 wherein the one end of the spring is disposed within the slotted groove and the other end of the spring is attached to the head with a fastener.

9. (Original) The fastener installation tool of claim 1 wherein the shank of the key with the non-circular external surface that is matingly engaged with the non-circular aperture of the key holder both have non-circular shapes selected from the group consisting of one or more flats, flutes and splines.

10. (Original) The fastener installation tool of claim 1 wherein the spring operates to bias the key along a longitudinal axis of the shaft of the socket and retain the key to the fastener installation tool.

11. (Currently Amended) The fastener installation tool of claim 1 wherein the ~~tip~~ end ~~with~~ the non-circular tip end ~~external surface~~ that is configured to matingly engage with the non-circular recess of the fastener both have non-circular shapes selected from the group consisting of one or more flats, flutes and splines.

12. (Currently Amended) A kit for retrofitting a fastener installation tool that is used to install a threaded nut with a non-circular external surface onto a threaded fastener of the

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type having a non-circular recess in an end of the fastener that matingly engages with a key ~~male~~ member that has a complementary shaped non-circular tip end to the non-circular recess, the fastener installation tool comprising:

a head;

a rotatably operable gear disposed within the head, the gear having a non-circular bore;

a socket, the socket having a non-circular seat configured to matingly engage the ~~non-circular~~ nut ~~that has a complementary shaped~~ non-circular external surface of the nut; and ~~shape to~~ the ~~non-circular seat;~~ and

the socket having a shaft with a non-circular external surface and a ~~tubular~~ bore internal surface, the shaft matingly engaged within the ~~bore of~~ non-circular bore of the gear; ~~having a complementary shaped non-circular shape to the non-circular external surface of the shaft;~~

the kit, comprising:

~~a key,~~ the key having a shank with a non-circular external surface, and ~~a tip end with a non-circular external surface,~~ the shank of the key being configured to be disposed within the ~~tubular~~ bore of the shaft;

the tip end being configured to matingly engage with ~~a complementary shaped~~ the non-circular recess in the fastener; ~~of the type having the non-circular recess in the end of the~~ fastener;

a key holder having a non-circular aperture that is configured to matingly engage the ~~shank of the key having a complementary shaped~~ the non-circular external surface of the shank, ~~shape to the non-circular aperture,~~ the key holder being configured to be attached to an the exterior surface of the head; and

a spring having one end of the spring configured to be affixed to the key and another end of the spring configured to be attached to the head.

13. (Cancelled)

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14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

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